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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BRAZIL- STATEMENTS OF FREDERICK MORRIS

REF: (A) STATE 251676; (B) BRASILIA 2689

1. AS NOTED REFTEL (B), WE HAVE NO RELIABLE ESTIMATE ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CURRENTLY HELD AS POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BRAZIL OR ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR POLITICAL OFFENSES. PARA ONE REFTEL (B) STILL REPRESENTS OUR BEST INFORMATION.

2. WITH REGARD TO MORRIS' SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS, THE FIGURE OF 12,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS APPEARS GREATLY EXAGGERATED AND IS PROBABLY A MULTIPLE OF THE TRUE FIGURE, WHILE HIS CLAIM THAT 80 TO 100 THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED TORTURE APPEARS TO BE BASELESS. IF THE LATTER FIGURE WERE ACCEPTED, IT WOULD MEAN THAT ONE OUT OF EVERY ONE HUNDRED BRAZILIANS HAD BEEN TORTURED: IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE ACTIONS OF THAT, OR EVEN A GREATLY REDUCED, SCALE IN THIS RELATIVELY OPEN SOCIETY. AS A GENERAL RULE, WHEN CASES OF ALLEGED TORTURE COME TO THE ATTENTION OF EMBASSY, THEY INVOLVE ONE OR TWO VICTIMS RATHER THAN A CLASS OR GROUP.

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